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Gotha

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1. An extensive series of discharges has been in progress in the Volkspolizei in Gotha (N 51/J 06) since about mid-November 1950. About 35 percent of the administrative police were discharged in early January 1951.
2. Three medium tanks, four AT guns and six ZIS trucks were unloaded in Gotha at 8 p.m. on 11 December 1950. They were hauled to the VP Kaserne on Am Seeberg.
3. A motorized VP Bereitschaft was transferred from the Buergerau Kaserne to an unidentified destination in late December 1950 in accordance with the reorganization program of the VP which began in mid-December 1950. The vacated installation was again occupied by a VP unit in early January 1951. The new unit was said to be the 7th VP Bereitschaft. About 2,000 police were stationed in Gotha in early January 1951. (1)

Grossenhain

4. It was learned in early January 1951 that large buildings were under construction in the area of the VP-occupied Eusaren Kaserne in Grossenhain (N 52/A 01). A new barracks installation was allegedly also being built on Bauendorferstrasse.
5. A leave certificate of a fugitive policeman was examined on 10 January 1951. It indicates the new designation of the VP Bereitschaft in Grossenhain. (2)

Langensalza

6. It was observed on 26 January 1951, that not more than a guard unit of about 50 police was stationed in the VP Kaserne near the airfield in the eastern section of Langensalza (N 52/J 08). Most of the VP unit which had been stationed previously there was transferred to Halle, while minor elements went to Ruogen Island and Berlin. (3)

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7. It was observed on 19 January 1951 that after the departure of trainees in December 1950 not more than approximately 300 police were still quartered in the VP school in Pinnow (N 54/Q 21). Some were engaged in construction work and were on guard duty. In January 1951 the sandlime brick factory in Angermuende prepared and delivered a portion of a total of 500,000 sandlime bricks for new buildings and additions to the VP school. It was planned to expand the area of the VP school as far as the Julienwalde forest office, where new quarters will be built. It was said that 4,000 police are expected to arrive upon completion of the construction work. (4)

Quedlinburg

8. It was observed in mid-January 1951, that of the 42 barracks buildings in Quedlinburg-Marmbeck (N 52/D 35) 22 were still occupied by civilians. It was said that these buildings, too, would soon be evacuated, since the Volkspolizei stationed there was to be brought to 3,000 police. The new quarters were still under construction, with approximately 300,000 kg of cement still stored in the structures.
9. Four hundred police, all between 18 and 20 years of age and natives of the Altmark area, arrived on 3 January 1951 and were quartered in barracks buildings No 33 and 34. They received infantry training under the command of VP Oberkommissare Neidel, (fnu), and Scheffer, (fnu).
10. Six T-34 tanks arrived in early January 1951. They were parked in garages. [redacted] an armored Bereitschaft would be activated in Quedlinburg. [redacted] the commanding officer of this Bereitschaft would come from Jueterbog, where officers and enlisted personnel were being trained for this branch of service. (5)

Zittau

11. It was seen on 9 January 1951, that the firing range of the VP post in Zittau (O 51/N 97) was being expanded considerably.
12. VP motor vehicles observed in Zittau included sedan [redacted] 25X1 with a VP officer on Toepferberg on 9 January; sedan [redacted] with four VP Wachtmeister, and Opel sedan [redacted] with a VP officer, both cars going west, on 10 January; and sedan [redacted] driving in the direction of the railroad station on 11 January 1951. 25X1

Comments.

- (1) Prior to the reorganization in November 1950, the 6th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) was reported to be located in the Gotha barracks installation on the road to Ohrdruf, also called Lindenhuegel or Seeburg Kaserne, and the VP driver school in the barracks installation on Buergerau. The present report indicates that the VP driver school possibly was transferred to Apolda, where quarters had been prepared. It has not been confirmed that the Buergerau Kaserne was reoccupied by the 7th VP Bereitschaft (Arty), which had been in Muehlhausen and was in Gotha in early 1950.

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- (2) The new cover designation 211/15 suggests that a new Bereitschaft was activated in the billeting area of the former 4th VP Bereitschaft (Armd) in Grossenhain.
- (3) The 2d VP Bereitschaft (Inf) was last reported in Langensalza in full strength on 24 October 1950. 25X1
- (4) The 2d VP Bereitschaft (Armd) in Pinnow was previously identified. 25X1
The present report tends to indicate that the Bereitschaft is still in existence and will be made a new cadre Bereitschaft.
- (5) The planned reinforcement of the 4th Bereitschaft (Arty) in Quedlinburg was reported previously. It appears possible that a new cadre Bereitschaft is being activated in Quedlinburg.

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